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1. POST FORWARDS COMMENTS ON PARA D REFTTEL CONCERNING ROLE OF JORDANIAN SF BDE IN DHOFAR WAR. WE CANNOT COMMENT ON ALLEGED "IMPERIOUS" ROLE OF JORDANIAN TROOPS OTHER THAN TO SAY THAT REPORTS REACHING AMMAN OF INITIALLY POOR RECEPTION BY OMANIS HAVE DIED DOWN AND THAT WE HAVE HEARD THAT JORDANIANS NOW GENERALLY WELL-LIKED BECAUSE OF CIVIC ACTION PROJECTS. EMBASSY

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MUSCAT IN BETTER POSITION THAN AMMAN TO EVALUATE RECEPTIVITY

OF OMANIS TO JORDANIANS.

2. DISPATCH OF JORDANIAN FORCES TO MUSCAT AT FIRST ELICITED CONSIDERABLE LOCAL NEGATIVE REACTION BOTH FROM ARMY AND GENERAL PUBLIC, WITH SUBSEQUENT EXAGGERATED CASUALTY REPORTS ADDING FUEL TO FIRE (ONLY ONE JORDANIANS HAS IN FACT BEEN KILLED). NEGATIVE COMMENTS WERE ALL SUB ROSA, HOWEVER, AND IN ANY CASE, PUBLIC OPINION PLAYS LITTLE PRACTICAL ROLE IN SHAPING JORDANIAN MILITARY POLICY. CRITICISM IN ARMY APPEARS ALSO TO HAVE DIED DOWN. IN SHORT, KING TRADITIONALLY HAS PRETTY MUCH FREE HAND TO DO WHAT HE WANTS IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND THIS IS NO EXCEPTION, AS LONG AS JAF CASUALTIES ARE NOT UNREASONABLE. AS FOR FLAK FROM FELLOW CONFRONTATION STATES, THEY SHARE TACIT AGREEMENT THAT EACH HAS ITS OWN PRIORITIES BEYOND ARAB-ISRAELI PROBLEM (EG. SYRAIN-IRAQI DISPUTE, CIVIL STRIFE IN LEBANON, FORMER IRAQI-KURDISH WAR) AND AS FAR AS WE KNOW HAVE NOT BEAT DRUMS PUBLICLY AGAINST JORDAN ON OMANI QUESTION.
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